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THE TOBACCO CONVENTION.

Three thousand of the most intelligent and successful farmers in America met at Rocky Mount Friday to voice their indignation against the apparent purpose of the tobacco trust to take from them the fruits of their year's labor. There is a before known and there is no cause for the present slump in tobacco except the greed of the tobacco trust.

Every business man and every good citizen of every calling is interested-and vitally interested-in the success of the movement inaugurated by the tobacco growers. "The injury of one is the conrapacity of the trust.

TRUST EVIL?

follows no beaten track. He is not afraid on so great a scale. of being a pioneer in thought, and is no vance ideas that are not commonplace.

manity since the earliest days when the Pharaohs made the ancestors of Egypttian fellahs build the great pyramids for their glorification.

How can the extertions of the trusts be stopped? What are the remedies for th evils that threaten American industrial in dependence? All fair-minded and unbrited men and newspapers are honestly seeking the remedy, most of them feeling that they are groping in the dark but resolved to find it and to apply it. Only cravens and boot-licks throw up their hands and say, "There is no remedy. It the natural evolution of business." If it is the natural evolution of business, then civilization is a failure and statesmanship is impotent. If it is "natural" and proper for a few men to sit in offices in New York or London and enrich themselves beyond the dream of Croesus by impoverishing every tobacco grower in North Carolina-if that is natural, then statesmanship should be equal to calling into being some cataclysm of nature to end the "natural" robbery.

The trusts can be tamed if the men elected to office by the people owe their allegiance to the people instead of the trusts. The trouble is that the national administration has as its chief legal officer, who must inaugurate prosecutions the life-long attorney of the steel trust. He makes a pyrotechnic display against a contemplated railroad trust, but takes no steps against the steel trust which le helped to create. The people can stop the trust domination if they will require only free men to erect and enforce the laws It is not easy to do this, for the trust's most effective instruments are men who pose in public as "trust busters" and owe their election to trust money. But the sleeping lion will be aroused and the American people will yet be delivered from their present slavery to the men whose dishonest dollars now dominate.

huckleberries" and with Duplin has of trust hirelings and do not unite, the named to consider plans and report to thought it is the only pebble on the beach. trust will keep the price down lower than the next General Assembly. That com-Now comes the Star claiming that Cleve- if they speak with the authority of a comland and Rutherford are also "some pact body. huckleberries." One merchant has bought | There are only a few counties in three \$300 worth and one man and his chil- States that can grow bright tobacco. The dren went out on the mountain and got farmers of those counties if they are wise \$15 worth of huckleberries in one day, determined and persistent, can in some North Carolina is a great old State-from measure mitigate the confiscation of their Bat Cave to Dismal, and no mistake.

"The town runs the dispensary. The barwhole question in a nutshell. Shut up the bar-rooms and the towns will have better men in office and better city government in Raleigh, and in every other town and city. The bar-room influence in ested in Y. M. C. A. work and the Methopolitics is only less injurious than the barroom influence in the home. Shut them up!

Langley should remember that he laughs dance and play poker. best who laughs last. The flying machine is sure to come and men will go to Europe in them before another decade has passed. the worst sort of a dissipated man who Prof. Langley is a pioneer in a new past reforms, but nobody can afford to have senger transportation that may make us; independent of the railroad trust and the steamship trust.

yers yesterday, in pointing out how to gan about the time he learned to waltz."

CITY.

report of his speech shows:

will creep in." "Farmers are like sleepy lions but if you wake them they will thing is wrong. I don't know what, when 450 pounds of tobacco brings \$14.65. This won't do." "I don't believe in a boycoit, has not started a boycott, but it is conwider and greater demand for the to- fiscating the farmers' tobacco. It has bacco grown in North Carolina than ever taken the tobacco and only paid for the playing per se, demoralizing as love of has had a six cents taxation taken off, yet t puts the farmers' tobacco down onethird. It has money, and if it is over- rudder. He is going through life like Brake urged farmers not to sell at the low prices but rather to let the rats eut up their tobacco."

Think of it, men and brethren, if you cern of all." In every possible way all would conceive the full extent of the rathe people ought to uphold the hands of pacity of the tobacco trust! The trust has the farmers in their fight against the added according to Mr. Brake, three cents a pound to the consumer, kept six cents a pound in its pocket on the tobacco tax re-WHAT IS THE REMEDY FOR THE | duction which it lobbied through Congress, and has now cut down the price to the farmer who grows the weed one-third Whenever Chief Justice Clark speaks he or more. In all history there has not says something worth thinking about. He been any trust that has played the hog

Some misguided farmers helped the trust more afraid of going into new paths than to reduce the tax on tobacco. Last year, were our pioneer ancestors. Whether you when active competition put up the price, agree with him or not, he is sure to ad- these farmers said that reducing the tax had helped the farmer. The tax is as low In his address to the Virginia lawyers, now as then. Where is the help to the Judge Clark has given much food for farmer? The trust told the farmers that withdraw from his church, and go into thought on the most momentous problem the reduction in tobacco tax would enable the pleasures (even if innocent) that attoday before the American people. He it to pay the farmers a better price. That tract the youth of eighteen. These things shows that trusts are merely the new is the truth. It has enabled them to pay show a lack of a true conception of the names for the agencies that have robbed an additional six cents a pound, but has serious concerns of life. It is all the more the many that have cursed hu. it done so? Instead of giving the farmers deplorable if such a man is the head of a of washing the family linen in the front bench may expound the law and the proa portion of the tax reduction, the trust family, and children look to him for guid- yard. Underestimating people is as great secuting attorney may rupture his vocal SCRIPTURE MIGHT MAKE I. takes all that, increases the price to anceof those farmers who are forced to sell tion. The late Judge Fuller, of Raleigh, their crop as soon as it is ready for mar- one of the first lawyers the State has Mr. Brake, is the indictment the farmers death: "The saddest incidents that have savages when left alone with their own as we have said, is in the playing of somake of the tobacco trust. And yet there come under my observation in a long practives. Now and then we have noticed cial games of chance for valuable considare innocent babies or paid hirelings who tise have been the moral lapses of old tell us that tobacco is low because of over- men. I have been called upon to defend production, bad quality, and some of them several men advanced in years who lived fathers who tire everybody out by ever- many and are to be found in about all say it is low now because the trust hasn't perfectly correct and blameless lives for lastingly bragging on their own children, the walks of life. Nine of ten of this class, the money to buy it. Nobody is fool. fifty or sixty years and then yielded to You cannot help a man by bemeaning him, if questioned, would probably admit that ed by this paid or vapid tommy rot. To. temptation, threw away the reputation of It is said that old Dr. Craven, when a their first winnings or losses were at a duced some farmers to help reduce the to- was hitherto unimpeached. I believe that (Dr. Craven) was the biggest man in the the hog since it has created an illegal youth are more apt to yield to temptation was the next biggest. This was not the big job, but they should not despair. It from this city to monopoly. And there is no other reason unless their character is well formed than

> the old tobacco section, in order to in statement of the eminent jurist quoted. well and adjacent counties not to join or old, is this: Keep the rudder true. with their Eastern brethren, are declar. Hold fast to the ancient landmarks ing that tobacco grown in the Eastern and the teachings of your mother. If ascounties is shabby and not to be compared sailed by skepticism or lack of faith, seek with tobacco grown in the old tobacco a safe place in the shelter of the Rock. co grown in the old tobacco belt. Suckers a right conception of the duties of life, only will be caught by this. The trust and love of one's fellows are the only paid good prices for tobacco grown in the sure passports to an honorable and useful East last year and bragged about how good career. The first wrong step is when a smaller than last year, and yet the price tion to depart from the teachings he learnis nothing like half as good. Later on, ed from his mother. If he departs from when the old tobacco belt farmers bring them-then he is like a ship at sea withtheir tobacco to market, they will be told out a rudder, and nobody need be surthat their crop is shabby and worthless prised that departure from faith blossoms

-and there is where the necessity of united action of the farmers comes in. A LARGER CAPITOL CAN WAIT, If all the tobacco farmers put the responsibility on the trust and voice a solid and indignant protest, then we may expect some increase in the price in order to encourage farmers to grow a crop next year.

property contemplated by the tobacco trust. "In union there is strength."

AND EXHORTATION.

Referring to the fall of Dewey, a Charlotte man says:

"I knew him when he was more interdist church than in anything else. He quit the Y. M. C. A. (he also withdrew has been appointed. Those people who are laughing at Prof. from the church then) and learned to

"Any man who learns to be 'one of the bear watching. The world places faith in confidence in a man who has been good! through his youth and deliberately learns is enjoying the constitutional limit of family. Dewey's embezzlement, or degen-In his address before the Virginia law- tration in a financial way, practically be. Treasury.

fight the whiskey trust, Judge Clark said | There is the text, sermon and applications and treatment of the insane and the establishment of dispensaries was one tion. That New Bern man understands dependent classes in the State, so that

NOT A BOYCOTT BUT RECIPRO- rule is that the young men sow their wild insane person must be cared for in the hear of a young man leaving the old more children than the before they reach full maturity. The world jails. There is one tobacco farmer in North has forgiveness for the folly of youth, 3. Proper and necessary equipment and Carolina who never opens his mouth with- though natural laws avert no penalty. support for the State's educational in- to a boy who has pluck and energy. The out talking sense with an originality and The young fellow who sows wild outs reaps stitutions. quaint wit that hits the nail on the head, the crop which his seed are sure to bear In a brief, wise and witty speech at the "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he tion of the enlarged capitol will say Rocky Mount Convention, Mr. Jesse also reap," is as true in the physical and that this means an indefinite tostpone-Brake summed up the whole situation moral world as in agriculture. Too little ment. We do not so believe. Certainly morning for "it is day break everywhere. that now confronts the tobacco farmers, stress is laid upon the evil of sowing it means a postponement of beginning as the following extract from Mr. Britton's wild oats and the failure of many young enlargements until after 1908 and no such men can be traced to the impurities and great enterprise ought to be undertaken "Christ had his Judas, Washington his the wildness of youth, even after vices before that year if we are true to the Arnold; look out that both are not in have been abandoned. But many men, wild solemn pledges made to the people in our ranks. If we don't watch out they and reckless in their youth, reform and 1808 when they ratified the Constitutional become useful citizens. But how their Amendment regulating suffrage. In the those who gamble began it in the gilded show their teeth and their strength, es- lives are marred by the memories of foul meantime the plans will be prepared for gambling salcon; it is the private care pecially if you rub their noses." "Some- odors and their bodies racked by their dis- study and criticism, and when the time regard of the laws of health!

but in reciprocity, so as the American To- when he says, "Any man who learns to be the State officials and its business, and its social games of cards, raffles and the like bacco Company has treated us we should one of the boys after he is twenty five treat it. The American Tobacco Company years old will bear watching." This is no because he indulges in waltzing or in card ousing of it. It has put up the cost of them may become. It is not from any one the manufactured articles three cents, it sinful or questionable pleasure that he in dulges in. It is because he has lost his stocked let it build more storehouses." Mr. rudderless boat. He is drifting drifting drifting. If his environment is good and exerts a powerful influence upon him, he may not drift into the ocean of gross sins which almost always follow step by step the loss of faith. When Dewey preferred the pleasures of sin, not countenanced by his church, to the faith in which he had been religiously reared, he lost his rudder, he lost his cable, he lost his hold upon the only things that are realities. He drifted from one questionable amusement to another until his moral sense was blunted and dulled, and his gambling and speculations and peculations were the logical climax of his lapse from his faith and early religious training.

almost a sure precursor of moral lapse to example of refusing to drink tea. see a man in middle life lose his faith,

the consumers, and confiscates the tobacco There is no age in life free from tempta. have always had a contempt for the man ket. That, in brief, as pointed out by produced, said a few years before his bacco is ruinously low because, having in- a life time, and soiled a character that bacco tax, the trust is resolved to play men who have passed the hey-day of world, and second, that he, (the student) source the ministers have undertaken a pushed with all possible spend for the starvation prices now offered for young men who have all their lives before them." The observation of every man in But, one or two trust buyers, living in old age or middle life will agree with the

into crima

The last Legislature appropriated five hundred dollars to bear the expense of procuring plans for an enlargement of the State Capitol. The original plans con-Sampson county thinks it is "some But if the farmers listen to the fairy tales templated additions. A commission was mission is obeying the mandate of the ernor to be transmitted to the next General Assembly. Whether the commission will recommend the enlargement nothe law-makers.

rooms run the town." In these two para- TEXT, SERMON, APPLICATION business of the State. Its valuable papers libraries are located in buildings that are no committee rooms where public business can be considered. These needs are real and must before many years be supwould do to tie to then. But his real plied. It is to have a working plan for downfall is to be dated from the time he providing more room that the commission

> As to the time when there shall be provided adequate room, the News and boys' after he is twenty-five years old will Observer's position is that it ought not

> > 1. Every school district in the State of a direct appropriation from the State

2. Ample provision is made for the

oats, if they debauch themselves at all county homes or incarcerated in the

is ripe, ample provisions will be provided nothing by chance. And when the crav But the New Bern man speaks a parable for increased accommodations needed by ing for games of chance becomes strong,

> A few weeks ago this paper said that to the professional game is not a very Edgecombe and Halifax counties had been long one, but once taken it is almost imsingularly free from lynchings and the possible of being retraced. It is a yard go crime that calls it forth. The ink was ing and a thousand miles getting back hardly dry on the paragraph before the seductive and insistent to which poor but are fully qualified crime was committed in Edgecombe and man nature is subjected. It is worse than the brute captured and now we have a case of rape and lynching in Halifax. No section seems safe.

the Eastern North Carolina diocese. The and won or lost, it becomes gambling. beloved Bishop Watson is in poor healty of gambling to be condemned. There are the weed, and now after the be elected at Goldsboro, October 7th.

have been "busted" if the cotton farmers Morally there is no difference between bethad not refused to use jute bagging. The ting on the fluctuations of the stock marwar for American independence would not ket and betting on the turn of a card or have been successfully inaugurated if the stop. It is a sad thing to see a man depart people of Wilmington and Boston hadn't | Gambling has rightly been called a uni Maxton Scottish Chief from the teachings of his youth. It is forcibly thrown tea overboard and set the versal vice. No nation has ever succeed-

Spirit of the Press.

THE LAND WE LIVE IN. Charity and Children.

a blunder as overestimating them. We cords in arguing to the jury with respect AND RESTORE AMERIC who would treat another fellow's sister better than his own. We have seen husbands who were Chesterfields in their de- on the right track. One place to fight portment about other men's wives, and gambling is where it originates, and that fathers who have discouraged their own erations. Professional gamblers, that is gument is that we we children by sneering at them. We have those who "run games," are few; but the have any right to the lands at a great deal more respect for those other confirmed unprofessional gamblers are ican Indian. new student came into the school, con- social game, from which they drifted to vinced him of two things-first, that he, the gambling saloons, wisest course to pursue, but it was wiser is a good work that they have undertak- pleted and are in action use than to have made the newish feel as mean as a dog and as poor as Lazarus.

As with individuals, so with the State, It has come to be the fashioin in certain duce the farmers of Guilford, Person, Cas. The exhortation to every man, young quarters to consider abuse of North Carolina an evidence of cander and courage and even of wisdom. It is not the truth, George W. Cable would be a great deal Southern people, but of the North as well, an ex-soldier that "fought, bled and died" the names of these two sta if he had not spoken evil of his own sec belt, and predicting better prices for tobac. Faith in God, faith in man, honest work, tion. To be sure, it is never right to condone wrong doing nor to uphold un- wrong almanac when he reported the that the road will be not righteousness anywhere or under any cirthat at all. We are talking about par- ering was "children's day" at Flint tended to Lillington - Saniera F ading the faults and failings of our own it was. The crop is twenty per cent. man, young or old, yields to the tempta- State, and by this means placing her at a present the audience was entertained with A meeting has been called to disadvantage among her sisters and before a constant flow of oratory mostly from in Taylorsville, on Monday. the world. This is the thing we oppose with all our hearts. Not long ago, sitting in the office of one of Charlotte's foremost business men, we were speaking of the wonderful growth of the city, when he remarked that the secret of it all was the Finally they called on John, the ex. ville and the different section loyalty of the citizens of that city. They had their little family quarrels, but to outsiders they were all brothers, and stood shoulder to shoulder for Charlotte's

> said about North Caronna without look man made a shrewd scheme to have the ing for the bad. She cannot equal Massa. negroes of South Carolina killed a few chusetts in the matter of general educa- years ago by having them deputized as tween Asheville and tion, but her people are better people dispensary constables to search white put down as far as Melrose than those of Massachusetts, and North people's houses for whiskey, Soldier ville-Asheville Gazette, Willy Carolina is by far the better State to live John said he "read about whar a nigger put down before twenty-seven to Legislature and will present its report in. This is one reason: her people are went to a white man's house and showed sacrificed? with plans and specifications to the Gov- native and to the manner born. They de white man his papers. De white accept and believe the Bible and bring up read 'em and then looked at the nigger their children to fear the Lord. Not all and told him that he saw on that paper Southern last nigh as far as of them do, but we are speaking broadly where it said he could go in his house but show. - Greensboro Record of the two States. Her climate is better it didn't says he could come out." "Dat tody yet knows. Their work is merely than that of Massachusetts and if her would a been nuff fer me," said John, to furnish data for the information of industrial development continues she will but dat fool nigger was brung out o' dat in ten year's time leave New England house dead as a mackerel." limping along behind her in the great cotton manufacturing business which has enriched that bleak and sterile section. are stored in rented warehouses, its costly North Carolina has no Boston, which is Hartford Times. another great point in her favor. The But there is reason to doubt the efficacy Mrs. Astor's hall with Mr. II not fire-proof, and the legislators have ropulation of the State is yet living in of this glorification of large families as a lit was impossible to verify the country, and plain country folks are popularity breeder. We do not think that here, and several of those the bone and sinew still,

It is claimed that she is, but we do not of many young men. think the charge is true. Of course there The mother of four or five children, who to be done until three things are accom- ing." but this is not typical. North Caro. the admonition that she ought to have the ways of naughtiness after he is the public school term without the necessity fit, and in the doing of it trample under fecundity. its feet the laws of God and man, but we Napoleon Bonaparte could demand large do not believe it. We have no Flagler families of his French adorers. He had a among us, and we pray that we never good reason for telling the French women shall have. Our people are not wealthy of his day that they must produce many but they are independent, and the condi-children. He needed them in his business tion of the farming class is growing bet -- on the battlefield. way to aim a blow at the whiskey trust. human nature to the core. The general there is not even a suggestion that any ter year by year. It grieves us always to No father and mother ought to have

State. The field here is white to the educate and make good harvest. Avenues to usefulness are open ing on every side. Piedmont North Carolina offers the finest field in the world thing for us to do, boys, is to throw of Those who advocate the immediate erec. our coats and go to work for ourselves and for the State. Turn a deaf ear to the reakers. A croaker never yet belped human soul. Turn your face toward the

WHERE GAMBLING BEGINS. Savannah Morning News.

The ministers of the gospel touch the ight key when they preach against private and social card playing for gain. I party, the social game of chance, that stimulates the desire to get something for will not satisfy the wooer of the fickle goddess and the gambling scioons are sought. The step from the social game the craving for strong drink, and is com- between, parable only to the drug habit which, ence acquired, is almost always a permanency, Card playing, per se, is innocent, as long as there is no forfeit; but the mo A Bishop-Co-adjutor is to be elected for ment there is something to be played for

and his associate will discharge all the ventures called "speculation" that are alduties except the appointing of examining most as reprehensible. The soher-faced chaplains and the right to preside at Dio | church member who buys or sells cotton cesan Councils. The associate bishop will or stocks on a margin is merely betting certain time, though he may delude himself with the flattering unction that he is ition. The cotton bagging trust would never merely engaging in a business transaction. the color on which the roulette wheel will

ed in whollly suppressing it. The reformation the Richmond market may tion must be a moral rather than a legal by a facetious customer. How one. In the United States, where the will or whim of a jury is in many instances the national legislative law, punishment cannot be meted out to Her reply was: "I'd lak it at the gamblers when some of the jurymen are ten," and in t last reply guilty of the offense themselves; possibly to many aspirants for other in a lesser degree than the accused, but the office and so few seem to be We have never believed in the principle nevertheless guilty. The judge on the they are not fitten to its duty, but their combined efforts can not secure a verdict of guilty where the Charlotte News

en and is worthy of sincerest support.

EX-NEGRO SOLDIER ON THE RACE the work of laying the rath w PROBLEM

A few Sundays ago we noticed that The new passenger car for there was a general draft of the colored the and Western Railroad arraypopulation southward from Marshville. The engine is on the way We did not understand what it all meant been completed from Sanford to the larger man, not only in the estimation of until we saw John Evans, colored, who is a discance of two miles, and for his country in the Spanish-American faces have been printed. war, the same fellow that got hold of the that freight cars will date his first cotton blossom appeared, in time to catch its share cumstances, but we are not talking about John said the object of this colored gath- freight. The road will even Ridge. There being about 40 speakers the young darkies. John listened at them of September, to consider the qua tell how the young race is "gwine up so building an electric car line troop fas' you just' can't stop us." John also boro to Taylorsville and on heard some of them say that the older and Newton. The citizens of negroes didn't have any sense, nohow, Newton, Statesville, Wilkeshore, soldier, who proceeded to tell them that counties are cordully and caunthe old darkeys "may not have much vited and urged to be on hand. sense but they hav nuff sense to keep da heads out of ropes." When the ex-soldier best interests. That is the way for people darkeys shouted and said "amen." We didn't press John for his opinion of the race problem, but he gave us an idea of ing would commence at Robus And there is plenty that is good to be what he thought of it. He thinks Till- Saturday morning - Franklin Die

AMERICAN IDEA OF FAMILIES.

Mr. Roosevelt has pleased many American the ball, when asked about the women by his talk which has been published concerning "race suicide." We are But there is still another thing about inclined to think that Mr. Roosevelt is North Carolina that we are thankful for not so much of a hero in the eyes of the and that is that she is not boss-ridden women of the country as he is in the eyes

are men here and there who sell their finds all her resources, mental and physivotes and who "bend the pregnant hinges cal, heavily taxed by the care of "raising" of the knee that thrift may follow fawn. them, cannot find anything to admire in liniums are not for sale, thank God. They been the mother of 12 or more. It does blunder often, but they are true and vir. not follow because a woman has been the decidedly interesting partner tuous. Pernaps our Legislature could be mother of 15 or 20 children that she has theless, there is the rumor, and it induced to pass an act for Flagler's bene- the world is better oft because of her been able to do her duty to them or that asking. "Is it so?"

is understood by intelligen people, and it may be be idea. It is the charm

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ALL THING THEY ARE THE

Among the Railroads.

In tackling the gambling evil at its way from this city to Washingt Richmond News.

Was Roosevelt Angry

(Newport Cor. Philade) There was a rumor here that Roosevelt is greatly meensel daughter. Alice, danced the said that they did not believe anything in it.

Since Mr. Lehr has been in has danced with every debut Woman who ever entered in set, and the majority of them dit an honor to dance with but Miss Roesevelt, according to known cottager who was place ball, greatly enjoyed budden with Mr. Lehr, and thought

Advice 7890.

(From Life.) "I cannot stand the heat." | ---Twill kill me I much feet Oh! try to live," the maiden and "You're so much cooler here-